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Dear Sir:



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please add new claims 31-35 as follows:

31. (New) A character input system using a keyboard comprising a plurality of keys, at least some of the keys each being assigned at least one full form Hindi script character, and at least one key being assigned a halant, the key assignments being spatially grouped on the keyboard according to their phonetic characteristics, wherein a half-form of a character may be accessed by pressing a modifier key with a corresponding full form character key.

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32. (New) The character input system of claim 31 wherein the keyboard comprises a plurality of Hindi script vowel keys, each vowel key being assigned to a Hindi script vowel, and wherein a vowel sign (mantra) may be accessed by pressing a modifier key with a corresponding vowel key.

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